

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended)

Device for preparing textiles that precedes their garment-making, having means, among other things, for skewing a textile web (1), particularly one consisting of denim goods, and having at least one hot flue (5) and a series (8, 9) of guide rollers mounted essentially in one horizontal plane each, for the textile web, as well as having means (3, 14) that precede and follow (the hot flue), for exerting a lengthwise draw on the textile web (1), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one group (17) of at least one series of guide rollers is mounted tilted at a slant in one direction, in relation to the horizontal plane that passes through the series (9) of guide rollers.

2. (currently amended)

Device as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the slanted guide rollers (17) are tilted about an axis (18) that lies parallel to the plane of a roller series (9) and/or parallel to the average transport direction (2), in the direction towards the other roller series (8), in each instance.

3. (currently amended)

Method for operating the device as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the textile web (1) is both, i.e. simultaneously skewed in the hot flue (5) and dried in the circulating air.